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Title: TACI ANTIBODIES AND USES THEREOF

REPLY TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS
FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING
NUCLEOTIDE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCES

In reply to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequences that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on September 17, 2009, Applicants submit the following remarks.

The Notice states that the polypeptide sequences found in Figures 1A, 2, 3, and 4B have a nonconventional amino acid depicted at the C-terminal end of each polypeptide sequence and that this nonconventional amino acid is not recited in the corresponding polypeptide sequence in the Sequence Listing. In response to the objections raised by the Examiner in the Notice, Applicants note that the polypeptide sequences of Figures 1A, 2, 3, and 4B end with an “O.” The “O” does not represent a nonconventional amino acid residue, but instead indicates the presence of a non-coding stop codon (“ochre” or “opal”) in the nucleotide sequence. Thus, the polypeptide sequences found in Figures 1A, 2, 3, and 4B are identical to the corresponding polypeptide sequences recited in the Sequence Listing. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the application complies with the requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 through 1.825.

For the record, Applicants’ representative discussed the Notice with Examiner Ronald Schwadron on October 15, 2009. Examiner Schwadron recommended providing the explanation detailed above and stated that the submission of an amended Sequence Listing was not necessary.

This reply is being filed using EFS-Web. Accordingly, a copy of the Notice is not enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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